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TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR: QUOTE

DEAR MIGUEL ANGEL:

YOU KNOW FROM OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS OF MY
DEEP INTEREST IN HEMISPHERIC DEVELOPMENTS AND HOW MUCH
I WOULD LIKE TO BE WITH YOU AND OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES
AT THE MEETING IN QUITO NEXT WEEK.

A. UNFORTUNATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS
HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES
ULTIMATELY FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS IN ECUADOR. AT
THE SAME TIME, IT WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL NOW TO MAKE
KNOWN THAT I WOULD BE TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
YOU CAN READILY UNDERSTAND HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS
ARE INVOLVING THE AREA, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE
TALKS TO WORLD PEACE.

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-B. BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE ASKED

MY DEPUTY AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO
REPRESENT ME AT THE QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH

ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS AND OAS AMBASSADOR
BILL MAILLIARD. I HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN THEM.
THEY WILL, OF COURSE, BE FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE
IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE TALKS, AND I SHALL EXPECT FROM
THEM A FULL REPORT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WHEN
THEY RETURN.

C. I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS
AT THE QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I
ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO
THE FINAL RESULT.

I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED SEEING YOU IN NEW YORK
IN SEPTEMBER AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT ENCOUNTER.
WARMEST REGARDS, HENRY UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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